

Kept From Jack's Wife

But officers and bodyguard stood softly around the apartment, for not a hint of the plot was permitted to reach Mrs. Dempsey's ears. She is expecting another child, reportedly in June.

Dempsey doubled the precautions against shock to his wife by ordering all telephone calls intercepted at the switchboard of the President Hotel, where they are quartered.

New York's eleven-day strike drove Dempsey and his family out of their home town last Thursday. Seeking security from strike trouble, they came to the shore and put up first at the Ritz-Carlton. They moved a few hours later to the President.

Warning of the abduction conspiracy came the next day. An unsigned postcard, addressed to Dempsey in New York, conveyed the message. An associate in New York, it was understood, relayed the warning to Dempsey. At the same time, a similar postcard was received by an Atlantic City friend of Jack's, whose name has not been disclosed.

Both messages bore the same warning. They said the writer overheard two men in a discussion of the plot against the child aboard a New York-Atlantic City train.

Plotter Talked To Police

The conspirators, according to the informant, talked to Polish. The messages gave no details of the plot, according to report.

Promptly, Dempsey communicated the warning to the Police and Atlantic City police. While the investigation was pushed, a successful three-day conspiracy was clamped down by the authorities. A leak finally broke up the night.

Jack and Hannah—the former "childish little 'a' z'z'" of the Broadway stage—were married July 13, 1933, in Elba, N.Y. They fooled their friends by announcing the ceremony would be performed in Reno. Then they ventured across the desert from Salt Lake City during the night and

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Dempsey Baby Saved From Kidnapping Plot

Jack Dempsey with his wife, the former Hannah Williams, and their young daughter, Joan Hannah Dempsey. Heavy guard of federal agents and Atlantic City police stood guard over child last night following kidnap threat.



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had the knot tied by an Elba justice of the peace.

Little Jean was born on New York Aug. 4, 1934. Jack was not as happy as if he wasn't, however. He might be a boy, but still the parents wouldn't permit visitors to see the child, for fear of just such kidnapping plots as the one now unsealed.

Jack's Return.—The Dempseys are back in Atlantic City after a week's absence. They were in New York to attend the opening of the new Broadway play, "The Man Who Came to Dinner." The play was written by S. S. Kellerman and directed by George Abbott. It stars Charles Laughton and Helen Hayes.

Movie pictures. There were 100,000 moviegoers in 1934.

Automobiles. In 1934 there were 10 million cars in the United States.

Books. In 1934 there were 100 million books sold in the United States.

Television. There were 100,000 television sets in 1934.

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DEMPSEY BABY SAVED FROM KIDNAPPING PLOT

Atlantic City, N. J., March 5.—A kidnapping plot against the child of boxer Jimmie Dempsey was disclosed tonight. Corps of G-Men and police descended on Atlantic City after overheard by the ex-heavyweight champ, his wife, the former Hannah Willard, a movie actress, and the menaced child, Joan Hannah, 18 months old.

An anonymous tipster who overheard two men plotting the abduction

of the fighter and New

York restauranteur operator

had informed the kid-

nappers. Police investigation

revealed that the two

men were members of

the underworld.

Following their operations

with equal secrecy, the Fed-

eral Bureau of Investigation

assured two operatives in

the city and the Atlantic City

police department detailed

to protect the child after Dempsey

had issued a general appeal for

protection.

The two men, who had been

operating in Atlantic City

for some time, had been

in touch with the underworld

and had been plotting the

kidnapping of the child for

some time past.

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DEMSEY BABY HURRIED HOME

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J., March 10.—IN S.—Jack Dempsey and his former wife, Hannah Williams, and their 19-month-old daughter, Ann, left here unexpectedly early today for New York City.

The departure of the ex-champion and his family, who have been recipients of alleged kidnap threats, was disclosed when two Atlantic City detectives, assigned to guard the Dempsey baby, reported back at headquarters.

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DEMPSEY KIDNAP PLOT IS PROBED

Former Heavyweight Champion's Baby Daughter Guarded After Anonymous "Tip."

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 9.—(A.P.)—Officers investigated today an anonymous tip purporting to disclose a plot to kidnap Jack Dempsey's nineteen-month-old daughter, Pauline Hannah.

Whether the tip was accurate or not were unprepared to say. James Parley, acting captain of detectives, asserted "it is probably the work of a crank."

The child, however, was placed under guard at a hotel here where she is staying with her mother.

Parley said "rumors to the effect" that Dempsey and a friend had received postcards from an anonymous letter warning of a kidnapping plot against Joan were being investigated.

"As soon as we heard about it," Parley said, "we detailed a couple of our men to the hotel where the little girl is staying with her mother." Parley said he had heard "rumors" that federal men were investigating. From other sources it was learned that two Department of Justice agents had been sent to this city at the instance of local police and were making a searching inquiry into the alleged plot.

Mrs. Dempsey, the former Hannah Williams, Broadway show girl, and Joan have been at the hotel since Friday. Dempsey, it was learned, has established temporary residence for the duration of the current campaign in New York.

The boxer announced his final retirement to New York where he has business interests.

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DEMPSEY BABY GUARDED



JACK DEMPSEY HOLDING LAUGHING JOAN HANNAN
Dempsey, former heavyweight champion, with his baby daughter, Joan, who was being guarded in an Atlantic City hotel. Mrs. Dempsey, the former Hannah Williams, of the Bronx, was in conference with the city authorities Saturday night in connection with the recent kidnapping of her son, John.

Dempsey Baby Plot Target

International News Service

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 9.— Detectives have been assigned to guard Joan Dempsey, daughter of Jack Dempsey, former world heavyweight champion, as a result of kidnapping threats made disclosed today.

Two G-men also are guarding the threats. It was said Dempsey and his wife, the former Hannah Williams, and their daughter came to Atlantic City from New York Thursday because of the building service employees' strike. They registered at a beachfront hotel.

Today, Dempsey and a local associate each received postcards which described a conversation between two men on a train bound from New York to Atlantic City. The anonymous postcard writer said the men spoke in a language which he understood and were discussing a plan to kidnap the ex-fighter's child.

Dempsey and Family Return With Guard



THREATENED INFANT AND MOTHER
*John Hanrahan Dempsey and his baby, the former
Hannah A. Williams, actress.*

G-MEN WILL DO THE WORRYING'

(RE-AKING TIP)

In the result of publicizing the recent disclosure of kidnap warnings, Jack Dempsey brought his wife and their 18-months-old daughter, Joan Hannah, home from Atlantic City last night.

The family motored to New York, followed by another auto containing a bodyguard.

The supposed plot to kidnap the baby was disclosed to Atlantic City police and a newspaper editor by an anonymously written postcard. The writer said he overheard two Polish gentlemen discussing the kidnap plans on a train.

Whether the message was the work of a crank or not, the hotel where the Dempseys had been staying was flooded with telephone calls and telegrams after the former heavyweight champion had notified Federal agents. He was told to let them "do the worrying."

Mrs. Dempsey, the former Hannah Williams, is to be "bionic" a mother in June.

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U. S. GUARDS DEMPSEY BABY IN NEW YORK HOME

New York, March 10 (AP).—A 12-month-old young lady, Joan Flannery Dempsey, with a smile very much like her father's, was back here today after a week-end trip to Atlantic City, and near her crib was stationed an agent of the department of justice's bureau of investigation.

Her Duke, Jack, the former heavyweight boxing champion, expressed a contempt for kidnapping, real or imagined, by which the baby was reported to have been kidnapped. He announced he had received three threatening letters, but had kept the news from his wife for three months.

Dempsey visited his wife, the former Honorable WILLIAM ROBERTSON, at her home in New York City.

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Letters Threaten Dempsey Baby

U. S. Agents Guard
Former Champion's
Baby

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., March 1.—A threatening letter was received here tonight, threatening to kill the baby of boxer Jack Dempsey if he did not give up his fight against John Hartigan, Wednesday evening, and denounce his former heavyweight champion.

The child is now being under guard in a room where his mother, the former Hannah Williams, is staying.

The threatening letter was signed "John W. Smith." It threatened to kill Jack himself if he did not give up his fight against Hartigan, and denounce his former heavyweight champion.

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Dempsey Baby Guarded from Kidnapping Plot

Atlantic City, N. J., March 9.—Former heavyweight champion explained that anonymous postcards had warned "a friend" of a purported plot to kidnap the baby.

Mrs. Jack Dempsey and her 19-month-old daughter, Joan Hannah, today, while the

guards maintained a watch near

the hotel suite of Mrs. Jack Dempsey said he had no direct evidence of the purported plot himself, but police continued their intensive investigation of the reports, and the guards remained on duty near the child and her mother, the former Hannah Williams.

Explaining the police precautions, Dempsey said they were taken after an Atlantic City friend, whose name was not disclosed, had received the kidnap plot postcards from an anonymous person.

Plans Overheard.

The postcard writer, Dempsey said, wrote he had heard two men described as "Polish gentlemen"—laying plans for the kidnapping as they rode toward Atlantic City on a train from New York.

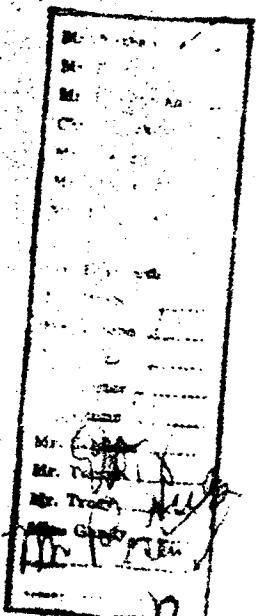
Dempsey said he had received no such card himself since he came here last week with his wife and child. The Dempsey's plan to remain at their hotel here until the New York building strike is settled.

Police working on the postcard kidnapping "tip" were not prepared to say definitely whether it was worthy of credence. Acting Captain of Detectives Farley said: "It is probable the work of a crank."

F. B. I. Agents Sent to City.

It was learned that two departments of justice agents had been sent to this city at the instance of local police.

Mrs. Dempsey, the former Hannah Williams, Atlantic City, now Mrs. and Mrs. Jack Dempsey, has been here since Friday. Dempsey has been invited temporarily to remain here by the chairman of the planning committee which is in charge of the strike.



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